

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



*Planting/Harvesting

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RELEASED: October 30, 2000 3:00 p.m. - Temperatures were above normal with below normal rainfall. 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 39 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 19 percent adequate.

CROPS: Wheat planting and ground preparation continued. Soybean, and cotton harvest continued with the rice and sorghum harvest near completion. Soybeans injured by frost were maturing slowly with some shattering. Moisture is needed statewide for fall seeded crops. Some areas were knocking down levees and rolling stubble. Additional farm activities included planting temporary winter pastures, as well as, land leveling and deep tillage.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were in fair condition. Pastures and livestock continue to suffer due to lack of rain. Supplemental feeding of hay continued in many counties. Farmers were bush hogging pastures and moving cattle to better pastures. Calves continued being weaned. Cattle were still being treated for flies and external parasites.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM									
Harvested	99	98	100	99					
WHEAT									
Planted	57	38	54	52					
Emerged	27	14	26	27					
COTTON									
Harvest	94	84	92	82					
SOYBEANS									
Shedding	97	95	92	91					
Mature	89	84	na	na					
Harvest	73	58	71	64					
RICE									
Harvest	99	98	99	99					
ALFALFA					13	28	54	5	0
OTH. HAY					24	39	33	4	0
PASTURE					27	36	28	9	0

¹/Many reports are received on Friday and may not reflect conditional changes due to weekend weather.

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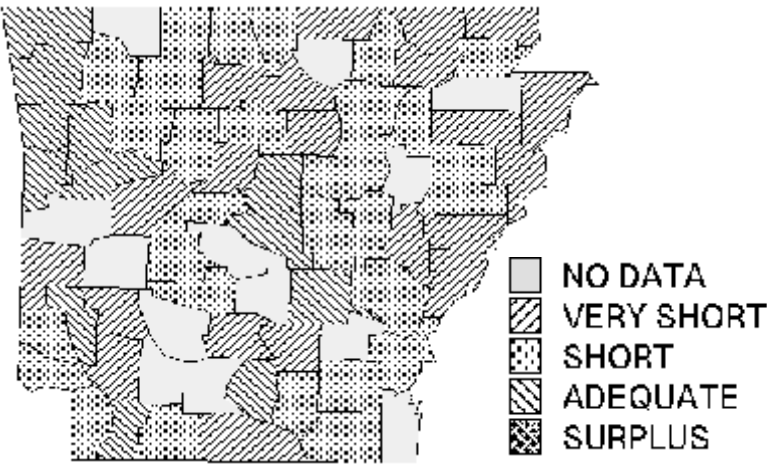
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

October 29, 2000. Temperatures were much warmer than normal for the week. The high temperature of 88° was reported at Eudora and El Dorado. Calico Rock and Gilbert shared the low temperature of 49°. The Western one half of the state received some rainfall with Ozark receiving 1.70 inches of rainfall; however, 38 percent of the reporting stations reported no precipitation.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING October 29, 2000

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING OCT 29	CURRENT OCTOBER ACCUM.	OCTOBER NORMAL	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER	
							2000	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	77	43	3	0.76	1.30	3.21	30.71	32.97
Harrison	76	47	4	0.97	1.24	3.11	27.40	33.41
2 Calico Rock	79	43	5	0.20	1.26	3.10	28.78	33.06
Evening Shade				na	0.00	2.54	0.00	34.57
Gilbert	82	39	4	0.05	0.49	2.96	26.15	32.04
Greers Ferry	78	47	5	0.05	1.15	2.83	28.25	37.97
Mountain Home	76	46	3	0.20	1.00	2.88	27.88	32.15
3 Batesville	77	44	3	0.05	1.20	2.74	23.12	35.92
Black Rock				na	0.00	2.52	0.00	35.36
Georgetown				na	0.00	2.46	0.00	38.00
Jonesboro	80	45	3	0.09	1.27	2.66	25.64	36.32
Keiser	82	45	6	0.11	0.98	2.54	29.90	38.04
Newport	80	46	3	0.03	1.09	2.67	24.04	38.38
4 Booneville	78	47	na	0.42	1.03	na	22.97	na
Clarksville	77	51	4	0.14	1.54	3.33	25.41	33.94
Dardanelle	80	46	3	0.00	0.91	3.49	22.97	34.95
Ft. Smith	80	48	4	0.71	1.48	3.68	21.24	30.20
Mena	77	44	1	0.33	0.57	4.26	30.86	39.76
Ozark	76	50	1	0.25	2.15	3.32	26.61	32.88
5 Hot Springs	81	48	1	0.16	0.58	3.36	32.52	42.75
N Little Rock	83	53	6	0.03	0.69	3.62	26.90	35.78
6 Augusta				na	0.00	2.40	0.00	37.67
Marianna	83	46	4	0.01	0.01	2.95	23.80	38.73
Stuttgart	83	44	4	0.43	1.63	2.71	27.22	37.05
7 Hope	79	44	1	0.04	0.96	3.29	28.77	39.41
8 Camden	82	46	2	0.52	1.65	2.77	31.04	38.38
El Dorado	85	45	4	0.13	0.98	2.96	33.08	37.96
9 Arkansas City				na	0.00	2.59	0.00	39.77
Eudora	85	45	4	0.00	1.61	2.61	38.75	40.26
Pine Bluff	81	47	1	0.10	0.99	3.17	26.53	38.26
Rohwer	82	45	4	0.32	1.19	2.72	33.96	39.63

na = data not available

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